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Letter dated 8 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of a statement dated 4 March 1994 by the Government of the Republic of Estonia in connection with the Estonian-Russian negotiations (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 26 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ernst JAAKSON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on the Estonian-Russian negotiations made on 4 March 1994 by the Government of Estonia

The Government of the Republic of Estonia expresses regret in connection with the breakdown in Estonian-Russian negotiations as a result of unconstructive behaviour on the part of Russia.

Russia's attempt to back away from the agreed-upon final date for withdrawal did not permit the initialling of the general agreement on withdrawal of troops, which was already completed.

The introduction of additional conditions by the Russian side, among them the demand that the Government of Estonia pay $23 million to the Government of Russia, do not conform to the international obligations Russia has taken upon itself to withdraw its troops from Estonia in an early, orderly, complete and unconditional manner.

Under the circumstances the Government of the Republic of Estonia:

1. Protests Russia's attempts to destabilize the situation in the Baltic Sea region.

2. Reconfirms yet again that Russian troops must be completely withdrawn from the territory of the Republic of Estonia by 31 August 1994 at the latest.

3. Calls upon Russia to discontinue its unconstructive stance and to continue negotiations.

4. Makes a proposal to Russia for consultations at a high political level.

The Government of the Republic of Estonia gives assurance of Estonia's good will to continue negotiations even under the current circumstances.